

# SOME NEW MEXICO DUELS

PECULIARITIES OF THE OLD-TIME CODE OF THE SOUTHWEST.

Illustrated by Some Encounters That Are Still Remembered—The Bollet-Scattered Monument.

SANTA FE, N. M., July 7.—In the center of the plaza of Santa Fe is one of the first monuments erected in this country to commemorate the death of a citizen. It was put there by the patriotic Legislature of a Territory which was pledged statehood by the year 1890, and it is still the enabling act, and the marble panels of the broad base recall the battles and the valor which won the New Mexican turned back the Confederate movement which was aimed to cleave the Union along the Rio Grande. Above the monument, "May the Union Be Perpetual," a corner, disfigured by the ravages of time, and the name of the man who was killed by a rifle bullet. It serves as a reminder of a duel fought under an unwritten code of honor, the code of the Southwest, which clearly defined the South before the war, and yet entirely different from them.

The story of Clay Allison and Mace Bowman is a story of the Southwest. A generation, or perhaps two or three generations ago, as the sands of life ran rapidly with the river, the Southwest was in the 70's, Allison had great fame in New Mexico as a "killer." Mace Bowman was a man who was the quickest man with a pistol in Colfax county.

These two men met in Cimarron one day, and the result was a duel. Allison arrived at an understanding that before night the man who was the slower of the two would be dead. At the afternoon Clay Allison and Mace Bowman watched each other, playing for the advantage of the first shot.

In those days recognized it as an axiom that the first shot was no advantage unless it could be delivered in time to reach the other before he could get into the fight. Allison and Bowman hesitated to draw first, each knowing the certain death which must be the result of the first shot.

They drank together, they joked, they laughed gleefully. Each was ready to kill the other.

And the day ended without either having found an opportunity. Mutual friends then declared the duel off. The principals backed out of the room and left Cimarron by roads leading in opposite directions.

But that is not the story the bullet walked toward each other with pistols presented. One fired instantly and missed. The other tried to fire at the same time. The hammer snapped, but the pistol didn't go off. The man who missed the shot advanced and fired again. The other stopped and examined his weapon. Everybody saw there was something to make with it. The hammer wouldn't work. He tried three attempts to make the mechanism work, and put his finger, the duelist stopped and put his knees, jerked at the hammer several times. This was all a matter of a few moments, but it was a long time to the people standing there, for the other man was still walking forward, aiming, and firing at the best figure in front of him. He resumed his calm, sunny course, St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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The Flood of Prose and Verse Sent to the Magazines.

Notwithstanding the fact that has been repeatedly announced that the literary magazines receive perhaps fifty articles for every one published, manuscripts from all over the country are poured into the magazines, and even children in all walks of life continue to pour into the magazines. Fiction still has a vast deal of respect, though it is a vast deal of respect. Every lover of poetry must have noted the dearth of good verse in this country. The poetry that is published is mostly of the mass that is not. Most of it is totally devoid of poetic feeling, and it is difficult to select from poets of more or less reputation. A piece of stolen verse was offered very recently to one of the editors of the magazines, and the editor, who was a girl of seventeen in need of money, was very much interested. Really good verse is fairly well paid for by the magazines, and the editors are very particular in their selection. The editor of the magazine, who was a girl of seventeen in need of money, was very much interested. Really good verse is fairly well paid for by the magazines, and the editors are very particular in their selection. The editor of the magazine, who was a girl of seventeen in need of money, was very much interested. Really good verse is fairly well paid for by the magazines, and the editors are very particular in their selection.

open, it revealed Stinson sitting and half reclining on a monte table. The door had not started to swing back until Otero's right hand had been raised, and the pistol was flashing in front of him.

"Stop," shouted Stinson, throwing up both hands, and jumping from the table. "I'm sober now," he continued rapidly. "I was drunk last night. I've no arms; stop." After that he drew up his coat above his hips.

The strain was over. A bottle popped at the bar, and the crowd, five minutes later the crowds on the corners were slowly dispersing. Life in Santa Fe resumed its calm, sunny course, St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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It will bear his name, the late of a birth in September, 1850, and a quotation from the hymn, "Hail, Hail, the Boastful," his late surviving descendant, a granddaughter, has placed a tablet over his grave in Charleston, where he died.

J. B. Lippincott Co. will publish Julian Gordon's new book, "A Wedding, and Other Stories."

The Lenox Library was closed on July 27th, for its annual cleaning, to last for three weeks; the Astor will close on August 1st, and the prospect of consolidation of the libraries, no extensive alterations or repairs will be made. The trustees of the New York Public Library will meet on October 21, for the completion of the consolidation.

Frank L. Stanton's Poems.

THIS country's doom might well, And sink at her best, With watermelons in the South, And pumpkins in the West.

(Keep the wagon moving—) Hill will soon be passed; Long time till daylight, But day is breaking fast!

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Why doesn't Hoadley Ballow, Of the pebble hall, Train all his guns on battle there?

When Laura rides her bicycle, In bloomers much admired, She always reaches home at night Pneumatically tired.

Will Love a-riding seem the same With horseless bugles come And we change Peter's coachman's name To "Petroleum" the same?

Why didn't you wait a whole lot of buckshot on the major?" asked the rural editor.

"Because it took just that much to down him," replied the foreman.

"What! when he's been half-shot ever since the watermelon?"

ON THE LATE SHOW.

She plunged into the lake's bright tide (She was a swimmer brave), It was a trick, she thought with pride, "My lovely jump and save!" He calmly pulled her by the hair, "And mused the heartless clown!" "I know that water's very wet; I wonder if she'll drown?"

"Merry one!" cried the investor. "Do you have earthquakes here?" "Yes," replied the land broker, "We ran out of quinine yesterday, and the only town marshal hasn't a child."

AN IDLE FELLOW.

Love makes the path of duty sweet With roses of the May; But Love wants no hand at his feet, And will not stick the hay.

KEEP HER MOVING.

The brand-new mother-in-law is here, But don't thank Heaven to stay! For on her knee she sits dear She rides away, away!

LET HER RIDE TO THE RECORD.

The woman that we call "the new" May have a heart of gold; Enough, if she will only be As sweet as the "old."

LET US TO WORK ON.

"I see that John's speaking" on the financial question, "Frank!"

"What's the old man doing?" "Furnishing the finances."

DICK.

"Mennest boy in town," they said, When Dick's name was mentioned, "Heat all boys alive or dead?" "Wicked," added another, "He'd break his mother's heart."

That's the way they talked o' him—Lassy little rover—Till one mornin' he was a dim, Dink-he got run over. Bruised and bloody, he raised his head, "Don't tell mother!"—all he said. Last words on his lips—"Don't tell As sweet as the 'old.'"

Felt the hearts within 'em swell, While the tearful glances glistened, "Don't tell mother!"—ragged-rough; But then last words "I'm content!"

—Frank L. Stanton.

THE VIRGINIA MEDICAL MONTHLY.

August, London, E. Kingston, Va. The West Virginia Medical Monthly, Editor and Proprietor, Dr. J. B. Lippincott Co. The original communication and place in this number of Dr. E. B. Lippincott, the contributors being Drs. Lippincott, and others. The West Virginia Medical Monthly, Editor and Proprietor, Dr. J. B. Lippincott Co. The original communication and place in this number of Dr. E. B. Lippincott, the contributors being Drs. Lippincott, and others.

Mr. Gladstone has just been reading the life of Santa Kovalevsky, which is published by the Century Company. He was impressed with the book, and wrote: "The biography has a noble quality, and it is a pleasure to read it. I have found it a volume of extraordinary interest. It is, in itself, a large chapter of human psychology, with something of the character of the two works (Santa Kovalevsky's 'Recollections of Childhood' and the 'Biography,' by the Duchess of Cambridge, published in one volume), also present a great deal of salutary warning."

Prof. Huxley as a controversialist was apparently always ready to fight for and defend his principles of Agnosticism. His most famous warfare on this topic was with Dr. Wace, the principal of King's College, London, one of the most noted defenders of the faith of the English Church. Huxley printed his version of the controversy in his collected writings, while Wace's version appeared in the "Review of Some Recent Attacks on the Christian Faith," by Thomas Huxley, published in the same volume.

A tablet in memory of Oliver Holten, the composer of the famous hymn, "Coronation," will be erected in the Unitarian church of his birthplace, Shirley, Mass.

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Vanilla and Golden Syrup, 30c. gallon.  
Good Green Tea Coffee, 15c. per lb.  
Graham Wafers, 10c. pound.  
Condensed Milk, 7c. can.  
Home-Made Jelly, 3c. per lb.  
Large Lemons, 15c. doz.  
Early June Peas, 3 cans for 25c.  
3 Cakes Butter Milk Soap 8c.  
Pure Old Holland Gin, \$2 per gallon.  
New Irish Potatoes, 15c. peck.  
Brest Pot, 7c. per lb.  
Shredded Coconut, 5c.  
Large Scotch Biscuits, 10c. per package.  
Washing Powder, 3c. per package.  
4 lbs. Nice Cream Cheese for 25c.  
Rockwood Cocoa, 6c. can.  
Chopped Beef, 15c. lb.  
Mocha and Java Coffee, 25c. lb. It's a fine drink. Try it.  
Sour Pickles, 20c. per gallon.  
Pure Leaf Lard, 7c. lb.  
West of England Sauce, 10c. bottle.  
Best Oats, 35c. per bushel.  
Old Sardines, 4c. per box or 7 for 25c.  
The Milk House Soap for 25c.  
Fresh Mixed Cakes, 7c. per lb.  
5 Havana Cigars for 5c.  
Wood Wash-Bowls, 8c.  
Imported Claret Wine, 25c. bottle.  
Best New Orleans Molasses 40c. per gallon.  
Painted Cedar Buckets, 10c.  
Fresh Country Eggs, 12c. dozen.  
Breakfast Bacon 10c. per lb.  
Pure Lard, 6c. per lb.  
Best Ginger Snacks, 4c. per lb.  
About 1/2 lb. Lunch Crackers, 25c.  
Good Soda Crackers, 4c.  
Brass 3-Hoop Cedar Bucket, 18c.  
Salt Pork, 6c. lb.  
Mixed Spices, 20c. lb.  
Sea Salt, for bathing, 2c. lb.  
Freezing Salt for Ice Cream, 10c. peck.  
Corn Starch, 4c. package.  
Fresh Rolled Oats 4c. per lb.  
Large Bottle Essence Lemon and Vanilla, 5c.  
Nice Fresh Butter, 2 lbs. for 25c.

Electric Paste Stove Polish, 4c.  
Jap Brand Roasted Coffee, Java and Lagayra, in pound packages, best you ever drank. Try it once and you will use no other—30c. lb.  
Prize of Kitchen Soap, for cleaning.  
One-half pound this La Favorita Baking Powder, 3c. best you ever used.  
Fine Gunpowder Tea, 40c. per lb. This is regular 60c. Tea.  
Imported Macaroni, 3c. per lb.  
Good Mixed Tea, 25c. per lb.  
Pork Shoulders, 6c. per pound.  
Large California Prunes, 3 lbs. for 25c.  
California Hams, 8c. per lb.  
Ship Stuffs and Brown Sugar, 90c. per hundred.  
Peanut box Best Baking Powder, 10c.  
Potted Tongue of Ham, 3c. can.  
Best City Meal, 60c. per bushel.  
Old Rye Whiskey, 4 years old, \$2 gal.  
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3 Cakes Butter 10c. Toilet Soap for 8c.  
1 lb. Canned 12c.  
Boneless Ham 1c. per lb.  
Gross Herring 1c. per lb.  
4 lb Jar Pickles 25c.  
Whole Grain Rice, 5c. per lb.  
French Mac 10c. qt.  
3 lb Can Corn 20c.  
Peanut 15c. gallon.  
New Dried 15c. gallon.  
Can Soda 15c. gallon.  
Home-Made Candy, 7c. per lb.  
Nice French Candy, 7c. per lb.  
Roasted Peanuts, 4c. qt.  
Large Box Lye 5c.  
Large package Stove Polish, 3c.  
Sweet Mixed Pickles, 15c. qt.  
Mason's Pickles, 2c. box.  
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